



**New Hampshire Department of Agriculture, Markets & Food
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PRIVATE APPLICATOR LICENSING

New Hampshire law requires that anyone applying pesticides in conjunction with producing an agricultural commodity must be licensed as a private applicator. According to the New Hampshire Code of Administrative Rules, part Pes 101.23, a private applicator means an individual who uses or supervises the use of any pesticides, whether classified general use or state restricted use, for purposes of producing any agricultural commodity on property owned or rented by him or his employer, or if applied without compensation other than trading of personal service between producers of agricultural commodities, on the property of another person. Additionally, Pes 101.02 defines an agricultural commodity as any plant, or part thereof, or animal or animal product, produced by a person, including farmers, ranchers, vineyardists, plant propagators, Christmas tree growers, agriculturalists, floriculturists, orchardists, foresters, or other comparable persons, primarily for sale, consumption, propagation, or other use by man or animals.

New Hampshire private applicator licenses are specific to a particular commodity that is being produced at the site that pesticides are applied. There are ten different categories of licensing including Christmas Tree, Nursery, Greenhouse, Small Fruit, Tree Fruit, Beekeeper, Poultry, Dairy, Vegetable, and Sod. The categories correspond with particular pests and the sites where you would find those pests.

Anyone desiring to become licensed as a private applicator should obtain the private applicator application, exam application and a listing of study materials used in preparation for the examination. Once the applicant has submitted the application forms and appropriate fees, they should contact the Division of Pesticide Control to make an appointment for the written exam. An application is good for 30 days from the time it is received by the Division, the exam must be taken within that time frame.

In some instances, the applicant has the option of taking the exam through their county extension office, in which case the application forms and fees would be submitted to the Division of Pesticide Control, and arrangements would be made to take the exam at the extension office.

Anyone interested in licensing should contact the Division of Pesticide Control at (603) 271-3550.

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